

**PSAP Grant Program
Decision Brief**

Type of Request: PEP Grant Utilization	Date Submitted: June 23, 2021
PSAPs: All Virginia PSAPs	Amount of Request: N/A
Staff Recommendation: Approve	

1. Briefly define the problem/issue:

There have been several requests for use of the PEP grant funding for training peripherals such as laptops and CPR mannequins. While the Guidelines allow for training materials, they do not specify type. As a result, there is no defined limit on number of training peripherals or expense limit for those peripherals.

2. Background (include important dates):

Within the past seven PEP grant cycles, the PEP grant program has expanded from state conferences to in-person training course to online trainings (include subscription-based). In addition, the amount of funding has increased for individual and multi-jurisdictional PEP grant types. The PEP grant now also funds training manuals and certification costs.

3. Major Considerations:

The undefined types of training materials allowable under the PEP grant program allows the PEP to use the funds as they see fit for the training and/or educational needs. This may result in a large amount of the available grant award being used towards peripherals vs the actual training and/or courses.

4. Recommended action:

Staff, along with the PGC, have long taken the position that the PSAP is best suited to determine the best use of their PEP grant funding as long as it is specific to PSC and/or GIS personnel in support of the PSAP. Staff is seeking additional guidance from the PGC as to a need to list allowable training peripherals, and if such purchases should be limited in either number or expense based on the PEP grant type (individual and multi-jurisdictional). PGC discussion and determination will be presented to the Board for review.

5. Alternatives to recommended action:

No Action – Deferring to the Board without input from the PSAP Grant Committee